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March 15, 2004

President Cathy Woolard and Members of Atlanta City Council City Hall, Suite 2900 South 68 Mitchell St., S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Downtown Advisory Board Appointment

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint James Wright to serve as a member of the Westside TAD Downtown Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years.

I am confident that James Wright will serve the Westside TAD Downtown Advisory Board with integrity and dedication.

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## JAMES WRIGHT

James Wright has always been a trailblazer and a master of many areas. A student in the martial arts of Tae Kwon Do. Choi Kwang Do. and Wing Chun. Wright approaches investing with an aggressive yet deliberate and patient approach.

Wright who insists on excelling through solo performance recalls declining a position at Merrill Lynch because it was being effered by friends. He says, "I wanted to see if I had what it took to cut it on Wall Street based on my own credentials, so I declined the Merrill Lynch offer and pursued Dean Witter. Wright was hired by the investment firm a week after his interview.

He went on to become a star employee at Dean Witter, carning "Most New Accounts" awards in 1994 and 1995. Wright then went on to establish the Atlanta-based investment firm The Wright Capital Management Company. Wright, a Registered Investment Advisor. Certified Retirement Plan Specialist. Rule 144 Specialist, and a Chartered Financial Analyst candidate, carned a Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. VA., He graduated as a Second Licutenant in the United States Army and worked for three Fortune 500 companies prior to starting The Wright Capital Management Company.

The then 33-year-old, Wright, founded The Wright Capital Management Company, when he saw so many people in various segments of the community without a basic understanding of financial planning. The company delivers investment services to all market segments. Wright says, "The bulk of our client base are people who fall in the top 15% income brackets in the country, but we are thrilled that our educational thrust at the company is successfully bringing young people and minorities into the fold of financial planning, security and empowerment" Much of our education is delivered through hosting our Atlanta-based radio and television show.

Starting off as a side business. Wright dabbled in real estate. In 2002, Wright sold Wright Capital Management and became a scrious real estate investor, covering 4 states with Georgia heading that list. Now spending much of his time in Atlanta on a unique real estate and business venture, Wright enjoys matriage and a family.

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